

CDCI ANNUAL USE OF CAPITAL SURVEY - 2011



NAME OF INSTITUTION

(Include Holding Company Where Applicable)

The First Bancshares, Inc.

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CPP/CDCI Funds Received:	17,123,000	FDIC Certificate Number: (For Depository Institutions)	34217
CPP/CDCI Funds Repaid to Date:		Credit Union Charter Number: (For Credit Unions)	
Date Funded (first funding):	N/A	City:	Hattiesburg
Date Repaid ¹ :	N/A	State:	Mississippi

¹If repayment was incremental, please enter the most recent repayment date.

American taxpayers are quite interested in knowing how banks have used the money that Treasury has invested under the Capital Purchase Program (CPP) and Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI). To answer that question, Treasury is seeking responses that describe generally how the CPP/CDCI investment has affected the operation of your business. We understand that once received, the cash associated with TARP funding is indistinguishable from other cash sources, unless the funds were segregated, and therefore it may not be feasible to identify precisely how the CPP/CDCI investment was deployed or how many CPP/CDCI dollars were allocated to each use. Nevertheless, we ask you to provide as much information as you can about how you have used the capital Treasury has provided, and how your uses of that capital have changed over time. Treasury will be pairing this survey with a summary of certain balance sheet and other financial data from your institution's regulatory filings, so to the extent you find it helpful to do so, please feel free to refer to your institution's quarterly call reports to illustrate your answers. This is your opportunity to speak to the taxpayers in your own words, which will be posted on our website.

What specific ways did your institution utilize CPP/CDCI capital? Check all that apply and elaborate as appropriate, especially if the uses have shifted over time. Your responses should reflect actions taken over the past year (or for the portion of the year in which CPP/CDCI funds were outstanding).

☒ **Increase lending or reduce lending less than otherwise would have occurred.**

Increase lending

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☒ To the extent the funds supported increased lending, please describe the major type of loans, if possible (residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans, small business loans, etc.).

Increase in commercial lending categories of owner occupied nonfarm nonresidential and C & I

☐ Increase securities purchased (ABS, MBS, etc.).

☐ Make other investments.

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☐ Increase reserves for non-performing assets.

☐ Reduce borrowings.

☐ Increase charge-offs.

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X Purchase another financial institution or purchase assets from another financial institution.

During 2011, moved capital to the bank to complete the purchase of seven branches located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and one branch located in Bogalusa, Louisiana from Whitney National Bank and Hancock Bank of Louisiana.

X Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital.

During 2010, held the \$12,123,000 of additional capital at the holding company level

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What actions were you able to avoid because of the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

We were able to not decrease our lending activities due to concentration limits.

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What actions were you able to take that you may not have taken without the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

We were able to lend more in varying loan categories due to the increase of capital that adjusted our concentration limits. We were also able to complete the purchase of seven branches located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and one branch located in Bogalusa, Louisiana from Whitney National Bank and Hancock Bank of Louisiana. As part of the agreement, the Company purchased loans of \$46.8 million and assumed deposit liabilities of \$179.3 million, and purchased the related fixed assets and cash of the branches.

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Please describe any other actions that you were able to undertake with the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds.